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PROTECTIVE BATONS AND CANES**  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant is pleased to acknowledge delivery of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed July 17, 2009 concerning the missing text of withdrawn claims 4, 5, 7 and 9 respectively from the pages of claims put forth in the transmission of the June 3, 2009, applicant's response in answer to the outstanding official action..

Applicant apologizes for those omissions and herewith presents the full listing of the claims in contention.